

REMARKS

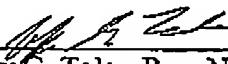
Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 1-10 at pages 9-11 of the Office Action of August 24, 2006. With this response, independent claim 11, from which claims 12-19 depend, is amended to more clearly set forth the subject matter determined to be allowable by the Examiner. Claim 20 is cancelled without disclaimer or prejudice, and new claim 21 is added.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the application and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims. If, for any reason, the Office is unable to allow the Application on the next Office Action, and believes a telephone interview would be helpful, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney or agent.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2469.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date


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